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June 24, 2003

Last year, in conjunction with the observance of National Disability Mentoring Day, the Board proclaimed October 16, 2002, as the first County-wide Disability Mentoring Day. The purpose of this special day, which occurs annually on the third Wednesday in October, is to provide an opportunity to educate the general public and give employer's a glimpse of the tremendous potential of persons with disabilities, which has been called the 'largest, best educated, least tapped resource in America'.

Last year's successful event provided an opportunity for more than seventy-five students with disabilities to spend the day participating in shadowing activities with County managers from six County departments. Participation in the event not only establishes partnerships between young people with disabilities, employers, organizations and schools, but also plays a key role in realizing the employment goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the County's Strategic Plan.

Nationally, this event is sponsored annually by the U.S. Department of Labor Office on Disability Policy and the American Association of People with Disabilities to

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mobilize the recruitment and employment of people with disabilities.

I, THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Proclaim October 15, 2003, as Disability Mentoring Day;
2. Instruct the Affirmative Action Compliance Officer to forward Disability Mentoring Day information to all Department Heads;
3. Encourage all Department Heads to work with the Affirmative Action Compliance Officer by encouraging their managers and supervisors to host a student with a disability on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, and to participate in job shadowing activities on that day; and
4. Encourage all Department Heads to support the County Commission on Disabilities Annual Access Awards Luncheon, which takes place on October 15, 2003.

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